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HEAT-INSULATING AND SOUNDPROOFING LINING FOR
AN ENGINE COMPARTMENT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT



Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants are submitting herewith copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified) for consideration and to be made of record herein by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-captioned application.

Documents are attached which were cited by the European Patent Office in the International Search Report dated October 5, 1999 in the corresponding International application and relevance is indicated on the enclosed copy of the Search Report.

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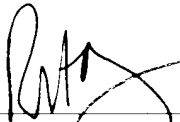
fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640.

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